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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR PFOR BA

SUBJ: MIDEASTFOR AND BAHRAIN SCHOOL

REF: STATE 4966; JIDDA 214; MANAMA 18

1. IT WOULD OF COURSE BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE HAVE FAISAL'S EXPLICIT CONCURRENCE IN BAHRAINI RESCISSION OF MIDEASTFOR TERMINATION NOTICE. NEXT BEST WOULD BE LIFTING OF SAUDI OIL EMBARGO WHICH BY ITSELF COULD WELL EMBOLDEN GOB TO TAKE THIS STEP. WE HOPE THAT DOD IS WILLING TO WAIT FOR ONE OF THOSE THINGS TO HAPPEN -- EVEN IF WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SUMMER.

2. HOWEVER, IF IT COMES TO THE CRUNCH, I.E. DOD SIMPLY CANNOT CONTINUE OPERATING SCHOOL WITHOUT OFFICIAL GOB RESCISSION AND CAN WAIT NO LONGER FOR THIS DECISION, I THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO CONVINCE
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GOB TO DROP ITS TERMINATION NOTICE WITHOUT SAUDI ENCOURAGEMENT.

SINCE WE HAVE NEVER OFFICIALLY REPLIED TO TERMINATION NOTICE. PERHAPS EASIEST ROUTE WOULD BE TO TRY GET SHAIKH ISA TO LET US IGNORE IT AND ALLOW TERMINATION DATE NEXT FALL PASS QUIETLY BY.

3. CHARGE KILLGORE AND I HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECT AND AGREED THAT HE WILL TAKE SOME DISCREET SOUNDINGS IN BAHRAIN IN COURSE OF NEXT FEW DAYS AND REPORT HIS FINDINGS.

4. I WOULD LIKE REITERATE MY STRONG BELIEF THAT WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP BAHRAIN SCHOOL. THIS EFFECTIVE AMERICAN EFFORT EDUCATIONAL FIELD IS ALREADY RECOGNIZED AS MAJOR ASSET TO US POSITION IN BAHRAIN, WHOSE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION PROMISES TO BECOME INCREASINGLY TRICKY, AND HAS POTENTIAL OF ENHANCING US PRESTIGE THROUGHOUT GULF.
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